

# Westhampton Presbyterian Church

## November Tidings • 2026

Hello Fall!

## This Month at a Glance

- **Harvest Dinner!:** Thursday, November 19 – 6:00pm - WPC
- **All Saints Day:** Sunday, November 1 – we will gather after the service in the Memorial Garden
- **Beach Clean Up:** Saturday, November 14 – 9am-12pm – Hot Dog Beach

## A Message from the Pastor

**God is Good!**

I remember when I first heard that phrase. It was in a class in seminary where many of the students were from the Southern USA and many of them were African American. The immediate unison reply from the group was, "All the time!" Excited by this expression of Christian witness unfamiliar to me, I asked a colleague how they came to know that adage. The response was that it was very common in churches in his community in Memphis and as a wonderful way to identify and affirm fellow southerners in this pretty, but definitely not southern, New Jersey institution. I was struck at how deeply rooted that was for so many of my colleagues and how connected they felt to a common sense of Christian identity. It was unique as well as a unifying witness to a cultural narrative and a common faith affirmation.

That segues to our own unique cultural narratives. One of the areas that Erika, our office manager, and I have been wondering about is this very publication, "The Tidings." We are wondering if this is indeed the most effective way of sharing both our unique cultural narrative as well as a witness to our common faith or is there a more effective way of doing so? We realize that this is just as much a question for our members and friends of the Church as it is for the staff. If it is the most effective way, we would love input on how to create a more vibrant and effective narrative. If there are other more effective ways, we would love that insight.

We value your feedback in this as the office wonders, periodically, how effective our communication is going with our members and our Church friends. We desire to be more effective and if we need to change modalities, we are more than willing to do so. The hope is, that when we offer our own "God is good", everyone will have the joy and affirmation in our own, "all the time." Please do not hesitate to contact us in the office.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Michael Hafele

## Worship & Fellowship

**Sunday worship:** 10am – WPC
**Online worship:**
www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org click the Live link.
**Fellowship:** Coffee Hour every Sunday after worship
**Evening service:** Wednesday, Nov. 4 & Dec. 2 - 7pm – Quoque Chapel - 1 Beach Ln.

## Upcoming Events

| Date & Time | Event & Location | Details / Contact |
|---|---|---|
| **Nov. 5 10am** | Men's Fellowship Group | All are welcome/ Russ Babis |
| **Nov. 8 11am** | Congregational/Corp. Meeting | After worship service |
| **Nov. 11 12pm** | P.W. Soup & Sandwich Luncheon | Bring a sandwich, soup provided |
| **Nov. 19 6pm** | Harvest Dinner WPC – Parish Hall | Sign up in the Parish Hall or contact the office |
| **Nov. 22 10:30am** | Advent Festival | Sunday School activity – Bailey Hall |

## Ministry & Community News

### CROP Walk

This year's CROP Walk had beautiful fall weather one day after miserable, gloomy rain just a day before. As usual, spirits were high and the walk was fun, a good time to chat with friends as we strolled along. Lynne Jones, Leigh Wanamaker, Sharon
Conway, Janet Hann, and Cheryl VanTuyle walked the long route around Dune Road, which was six miles. The rest of us walked three miles including once over Turkey Bridge, which is still open for pedestrians.

An unexpected bonus came when St. Marks' Father Chris Dubinski had prepared a table outside his church with snacks and water for us. He was a gracious, friendly host, and we hope to see more of him. At the end of our two walks we celebrated our success with a three foot hero and fall apples. Thanks to all of you who gave so generously for this hunger walk.



### Adopt a Family

As the Advent season approaches and you begin to consider your gift-giving list, we hope you'll consider adding a needy stranger to your list through the Adopt A Family program. This beautiful ministry identifies financially-challenged families in our community who are unable to afford gifts, and allows us to share some of the joy and hope of Christmas.

We have been participating in this program, organized by Immaculate Conception Church, for years now and typically "adopt" 40 individuals. The recipients make a wish list, and members of the congregation select a family member and shop for them. (Some people don't ask for much so any extras are always appreciated!) The request will be spelled out on a paper along with age, gender and sizes. Wrapped gifts are dropped off at Immaculate Conception Church in mid-December.

Joy Sobhani and Eloise Carter are leading this initiative for our congregation this year, and will be in the Parish Hall with details of our recipients beginning November 29. If you would like to participate but don't have time to shop, the Deacons will shop for you.
We hope you'll consider enriching your Christmas this season by participating in this worthwhile and meaningful ministry!

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me." Matthew 25:40*

### Presbyterian Women

I love the Presbyterian Women! Whether we are six or twelve at a meeting, we are constantly thinking and coming up with new ideas. Gini Wagner noticed that in the last two years, our focus has been on raising money for charitable causes. This can be a source of stress whether worrying about weather for our Yard Sale or customers for our events. She raised the idea of doing projects that instead will affect our community in a positive manner. Some ideas were to send Christmas cards to shut ins on Meals on Wheels or make care packages for soldiers. We will continue with some of our fundraising activities but explore these alternatives for more community mission work. Some of us are already lending a hand at LI Cares once a month. The next dates are November 17th and December 15th. Talk with Donna Goebel Williams if you are interested.

Meanwhile, our next event is our annual Christmas Fair which will be coming up on Saturday, December 5th from 11am-2:30pm. Before that there is some preparation. Our **wreath decorating pizza party** will be on Tuesday evening December 1st at 6pm. Always a fun time! Please contact Christine so we can get a headcount for pizza! Preorders will be gauged by how many wreaths we decorate, so be sure to fill out and return your order form no later than Sunday, November 29. **Make checks payable to "Presbyterian Women".** We will also be decorating some holiday gravesite

arrangements that will be for sale. If you are wondering about our Christmas Tea, we will absolutely be keeping with tradition. We will need sandwich makers for the tea table and bakers for our Cookie Walk. Also, check your closets to see if you have any unwanted items in new or excellent condition for gift ideas for our Twice Nice room or jewelry tables. We will be accepting items up until the sale. This is a great event and we all look forward to it.

Our next meeting to firm all this up will be on Wednesday, November 11 at 12 noon. Soup will be served, Bring a sandwich to accompany it.

Come join us.

## Christian Education




We placed a gratitude pumpkin in the parish hall for the month of October and here are some things that our parishioners are grateful for: Health, church friends, family, pets, friends, Henry, shelter, The love of Christ, this space for gathering, Rhea, this place to worship, Westhampton Presbyterian Church and the crop walkers. The pumpkin will be put out for wild critters to have a treat at the end of the month!

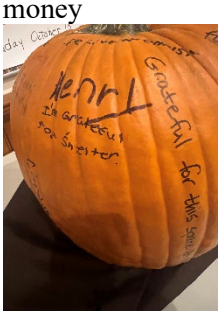


The youth participated in the Mission Committee's World Communion Brunch on October 2nd. We had chili makers and servers. A good time was had by all.

We will be participating at WHB Library's Trunk or Treat on the 24th. Our theme is "Made to GLOW in the dark!" Look for photos next month in the Tidings or on the youth bulletin board.

November is filled with lots of events. To kick it off, stop by the WHB High School on the 6th, 7th or 8th to see some of our youth in the production of ***The Outsiders.*** Show times are 7:30pm Friday & Saturday and Sunday at 2:00pm.

We also assist the Deacons with their Thanksgiving baskets. We will be doing a food drive until the 22nd, drop off at the youth table in the Parish Hall. Suggested items: Vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, beans (all kinds), sweet potatoes, stuffing, rice, noodles, gravy, corn muffin mix, sugar cookie/brownie mix, cranberry, canned fruits, olives. We will shop for items on the 21st and have a fellowship lunch following our shopping trip. Also, money to purchase grocery cards to help supplement fresh items. Thanking you in advance, our congregation has always been a BIG supporter of this mission project.




Our annual Advent Festival will be held on the 22nd during regular scheduled Sunday School in Bailey Hall. Children make crafts to celebrate the season leading up to Jesus' birth.

Lastly, we have a tentative beach cleanup on the 14th. Check the bulletin board and emails for updated information.



Please remember to sign up for our annual Christmas Pageant which takes place on December 13th. Betsy Doyle & Loren Bennet will be our directors this year. This will be the traditional rendition of The Christmas Story this year. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board. Nov 29th will be a group Sunday School class and practicing some music with Ms. Doyle. Dec. 6th will be assignments (during SS) and rehearsal immediately following SS, another rehearsal on the 12th (time TBD) and showtime during worship on the 13th!

"At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." – Albert Schweitzer

There is always something to be thankful for…Kathy

## Life at Our Church



*Evening Chapel Service • Nov. 4 & Dec. 2 at 7pm* — An extension of our Sunday morning services. An evening opportunity for our congregation and community to join us in fellowship.



*Paint & Sip Night! • Oct. 16 — A Fall themed night out! Look to your announcements for more upcoming events from the Fellowship Committee.*

## Prayer & Congregational Care

**Recent: Ellen Brenner; Ellen Talmage,** healing prayers (friend of Tony Thompson)**; John Cooling,** cancer (friend of Jornitz Family); **Lois Kilpatrick,** cancer (sister of Karen Derryberry); **John Sprague,** healing prayers; **Mariko & Leandro Pichardo**, healing prayers; **Gale & Pete Seidler,** home**; Dick Anderson,** healing prayers; **Susan Sullivan**, friend of John and Mary Hull; **Leslie Johnson,** cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother**)**
**Long Term: Ralph Neubauer; Chelsey Carter Collins,** Hamptons Center for Rehab; **Dana Barrett,** friend of Nancy Miller

## Stay Connected

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm
Phone: 631-288-2576
email: admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org
www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org
**For pastoral emergencies or office appointments:**
**Rev. Michael Hafele, Cell: 929-777-1497**

**Next newsletter deadline:** Nov. 10th
**Send announcements to:**
admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org

# Happy Birthday & Anniversary

2 Chloe Rouhandeh
3 Leif Neubauer
4 Tom Otis III
5 Margretta Anderson
7 Karen Derryberry
8 Xochitl Seyfert
9 Kristina & Micah Bennett
11 Amy Gwinn
11 John King
11 Amber Popper
12 Billy Campbell
13 Russ Babis
14 Jim Rowbotham
14 Collin Chattaway
17 Maria and Tom Moore
17 Ellen and John Campbell
18 Evelyn Overton
18 Tracy Speed-Zollweg
19 Laura Impomeni
19 Maura Hann
20 Maria Moore
20 Mike Campbell
21 John Gillin
22 Kyle Hubbard
23 Bob Busking Jr.
23 Keri Shiu
24 Kayla Jones
24 Betsy Doyle
25 Glen Walker
28 Ryan Napolitano
30 Alec Jessup Levitt

# November 2026 Church Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1**<br>9am Family Tree<br><br>10am Worship<br>All Saints Day<br>Gathering after worship in the Memorial Garden | **2** | **3**<br><br>7pm Deacons Meeting | **4**<br><br>7pm Chapel Service | **5**<br><br>6pm Estate Planning Seminar | **6**<br><br>7:30pm HS Play | **7**<br><br>7:30pm HS Play |
| **8**<br>9am Family Tree<br><br>10am Worship<br><br>11am Congregational/Corp. Meeting<br><br>2pm HS play | **9** | **10**<br>Tidings deadline<br><br>9:30am Staff<br>5:15pm M&W<br>6pm Session | **11**<br>**Veterans Day**<br>**Office Closed**<br><br>12pm PW Luncheon | **12** | **13** | **14**<br>9-12pm Beach cleanup at Hot Dog Beach |
| **15**<br>9am Family Tree<br><br>10am Worship | **16** | **17**<br>LI Cares<br><br>7pm Trustees | **18** | **19**<br><br>6pm Harvest Dinner | **20** | **21**<br>Youth shopping & lunch |
| **22**<br><br>10am Worship<br><br>10:30am Advent Festival<br><br>Deacon Food Baskets | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26**<br><br>**Office Closed**<br>**Thanksgiving** | **27**<br><br>**Office Closed** | **28** |
| **29**<br>10am Worship<br><br>Adopt a Family<br><br>group SS & music | **30**<br>Wreath orders due | | | | | |

## Order Forms


Presbyterian Women
Christmas Wreath Order Form
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
"PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN"
90 MEETING HOUSE ROAD
WESTHAMPTON BEACH NY 11978
ORDERS ARE DUE BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
PICK-UP IS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 10 AM
NUMBER OF WREATHS AT $40 EACH _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____
NAME: _____
PHONE: _____